

REMARKS

1. The Amendments and the Support Therefor

Three claims (2, 11, and 15) have been canceled, fifteen new claims (18-32) have been added, and claims 1, 10, and 15 have been amended to leave claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17-32 in the application. In the claims:

- *Claim 1* is amended to incorporate the limitations of (now canceled) claim 2, and is therefore submitted to be allowable because claim 2 was indicated as containing allowable matter (at Section 7 of the Office Action);
- *Claim 10* is amended to incorporate the limitations of (now canceled) claim 11, and is therefore submitted to be allowable because claim 11 was indicated as containing allowable matter (at Section 7 of the Office Action);
- *Claim 15* is amended to incorporate the limitations of (now canceled) claim 15, and is therefore submitted to be allowable because claim 16 was indicated as containing allowable matter (at Section 8 of the Office Action). Claim 15 is also amended to remove the “passages orbiting the bobbin axis” language, which was found objectionable as per sections 3-4 of the Office Action, and replace such language with language as found in claim 1.
- New dependent *claim 18*, dependent from independent claim 10, finds support in claim 3 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10.
- New dependent *claim 19*, dependent from independent claim 15, finds support in claims 5 and 6 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 15.
- New dependent *claim 20*, dependent from independent claim 15, finds support in claim 3 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 15.
- New independent *claim 21* combines independent claim 1 and its dependent claim 7, and is submitted to be allowable because claim 7 was indicated as containing allowable matter (at Section 7 of the Office Action).
- New dependent *claim 22*, dependent from new independent claim 21, finds support in claims 5 and 6 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21.

- New dependent *claim 23*, dependent from new independent claim 21, finds support in claim 3 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21.
- New independent *claim 24* finds basis in original claims 1 and 9, wherein the passages are specifically recited as being “enclosed.” Claim 24 is submitted to be allowable over U.S. Patent 4,711,402 to *Drager* (and all other art of record) because while *Drager*’s FIG. 3 might be regarded as including “passages” 9c and 9d extending circumferentially about the bobbins 9 (assuming the term “passages” is given its broadest reasonable interpretation), such “passages” 9c/9d are plainly open to the surface of the bobbins 9 and are thus not enclosed. Further, there is no suggestion evident in *Drager* or any other art of record to modify *Drager* to enclose the “passages” 9c/9d. Note from column 4 lines 3-13 of *Drager* that the “passages” are not intended to carry fluid, and are provided for the purpose of bearing support. If they are not intended to carry fluid, there is no reason to enclose them; further, if they were enclosed, the bearing support – the very purpose of the passages – would no longer be provided (see MPEP 2143.01, subsection entitled “The Proposed Modification Cannot Render The Prior Art Unsatisfactory For Its Intended Purpose”). Further, *Drager* provides intermeshing rollers/bobbins for the purpose of grinding, and enclosed passages would in no way further the grinding function. It is therefore submitted that the matter recited in claim 24 is both novel and unobvious.
- New dependent *claim 25*, dependent from independent claim 24, finds support in claim 3 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.
- New dependent *claim 26*, dependent from independent claim 24, finds support in claim 4 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.
- New dependent *claim 27*, dependent from independent claim 24, finds support in claim 5 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.
- New dependent *claim 28*, dependent from independent claim 24, finds support in claim 7 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.
- New dependent *claim 29*, dependent from independent claim 24, finds support in claim 8 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.

- New independent *claim 30* finds basis in claim 10, wherein the passages are specifically recited as being “enclosed.” Claim 30 is submitted to be allowable for the same reasons noted above for claim 24.
- New dependent *claim 31*, dependent from independent claim 30, finds support in original claim 11 (now canceled) and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 30.
- New dependent *claim 32*, dependent from independent claim 30, finds support in claim 12 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 30.

2. In Closing

If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Amended FIGS. 2-6